

ROBERT G. DONOVAN



Alderman Donovan To Host Town Hall Meetings

Three town hall meetings have been scheduled to enable Ald. Donovan to meet residents and discuss issues affecting the 8th District. Please attend the meeting that best fits your schedule or location. Each of the meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. The dates and locations:

- **November 21, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**
Doerfler Elementary,
3014 W. Scott St.
- **November 22, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**
Manitoba Elementary,
4040 W. Forest Home Ave.
- **November 23, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**
55-Plus Center,
2414 W. Mitchell St.

I have invited representatives of city departments including the police to answer questions and discuss issues that you are concerned about including the 2006 city budget, crime and crime prevention, sanitation, recycling, and neighborhood development.

8th District Alderman

Winter Newsletter

2005-06

**200 E. Wells St.
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286-3533

Dear Neighbor:

I believe that one homicide is too many, and I believe that residents should not have to live in fear of walking through their own neighborhoods. That is why I have worked tirelessly to get additional police officers on our streets as quickly as possible.

In this newsletter you will read about a budget plan that I helped engineer that will allow police recruits to receive their training at Milwaukee Area Technical College while saving taxpayers money. The plan will also enable the city to have three classes of new police recruits trained and deployed during the coming year for the price of two. **But, perhaps the best outcome of the initiative is that it will help free up city money to restore 36 valuable firefighter positions that have been targeted for elimination in the 2006 budget.**

In this newsletter I have again included a “developments” page to help keep you apprised of new businesses, residential developments and other improvements. I’ve also included stories about the **Community Prosecution Program**, ongoing efforts to help rid the area of prostitution, an update on activities in the Jackson Park neighborhood, sanitation and parking information to help you prepare for winter, information on the city’s first ever **Youth Council**, and much, much more.

I also encourage you to attend one of my upcoming **Town Hall meetings** (see article at left). These meetings offer a great opportunity for you to ask questions and give input on issues affecting you and your neighbors. I look forward to seeing you there.

As usual, please call me at 286-3533 if you ever have a question or an issue that you’d like to discuss.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Sincerely,

Robert G. Donovan
Alderman, 8th District



Please Make Use Of DPW One-Stop Hotline

If you have a request relating to garbage collection, special pickups, potholes, malfunctioning streetlights, traffic lights, or plugged sewer basins, call **286-8282**.

This one-stop number for citizens who need service or information from the **Department of Public Works** has more than 100 uses from sanitation, forestry and recycling questions to towing or water works problems. You can call Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The goal of providing the telephone number is to provide Milwaukee citizens with improved customer service, including follow-up with the caller after an inquiry has been answered and after a particular service has been provided. Plans also call for implementing a network database program that can record and track information and service requests. This will enable the city to better serve residents and assist in planning more efficient and effective public works programs and services.

Budget Initiative Will Help Launch Three Police Classes, Save Firefighter Positions

A creative budget initiative engineered with the help of Ald. Donovan would allow the city to put three badly-needed classes of police recruits through training for the price of two in the coming year and also would save 36 key firefighter positions that would have been eliminated.

The proposal, announced during a sun-drenched October 18 news conference attended by Police Chief Nan Hegerty, Fire Chief William Wentlandt, Common Council member Jim Bohl, Henry Hamilton of the NAACP, and dozens of representatives from community-based organizations and groups such as the Senior Warriors and the Southside Organizing Committee, would work like this:

- The Fire & Police Commission would conduct its normal interviewing and background checks, and would then appoint a typical class of 60-65 new police officer recruits.
- Instead of going directly to the city safety academy for basic training, the recruits would instead go to Milwaukee Area Technical College for their first 13 weeks of training, with their tuition paid by the city.
- The recruits would not officially be hired by the city until they receive their state police officer certification.
- Once a recruit is certified, he or she would then be hired by the city and would then receive 10 weeks of additional officer training at the safety academy.
- The plan would allow three police recruit classes to receive training at the normal cost of training two classes.



During an **October 18 news conference** in front of **Engine Co. 26, 1140 S. 26th St.**, Ald. Donovan announced a budget proposal that would enable the city to have three classes of new police recruits trained and deployed during the coming year for the price of two, and also would help restore 36 firefighter positions slated for elimination. Pictured standing behind the alderman are (left to right): **Timothy McMurtry, special assistant to Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. (obscured), Ald. Jim Bohl, Police Chief Nan Hegerty, Fire Chief William Wentlandt, and Henry Hamilton of the NAACP's Milwaukee chapter.**

The savings generated by this system would enable some \$700,000 to be used to save 36 firefighter positions that would have been eliminated in the 2006 budget.

Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, said the initiative also has the effect of "raising the bar" for police recruits, because they would have to be "completely and totally committed" to going through the additional training to serve as a police officer. The plan is attractive to potential recruits, the alderman said, because they will be able to gain 8-10 additional college credits by going to MATC. "They are required to earn 60 college credits within their first five years

of service, so this would give them a big boost toward that requirement," he said.

The budget plan would also enable Police Chief Hegerty to launch a new community policing initiative, using freshly-trained foot patrol and bicycle officers in certain neighborhoods to help fight crime and build trust among residents. "We've found that community policing strategies really work in reducing crime and clearing neighborhoods of the habitual criminal element," Ald. Donovan said. "We need more of those (foot and bicycle) officers on our streets," he said. To take effect, the plan would have to be approved by the Common Council during its 2006 budget deliberations.

Ald. Donovan's Committee Assignments

CHAIR

- Public Safety Committee

MEMBER

- Steering and Rules Committee
- Finance & Personnel Committee
- Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee

211 Social Services Hotline Can Help

The 211 social services hotline available for all Milwaukee area residents can be called at no charge 24 hours a day. The service is similar to the 911 network that can be called in case of police, fire, and medical emergencies. Operators will provide callers with information on a wide variety of non-emergency family, financial, health and social service issues.

Please Help Keep Our Neighborhoods Clean!

Many of you have called the 8th District office recently with concerns about increased litter and garbage defacing our streets, sidewalks and alleys.

"I implore residents and business owners to organize neighborhood cleanups this fall to help fight this literal trashing of our neighborhoods," said Ald. Donovan, who teamed up with the **Milwaukee Alliance** and **Community Partners** to organize a neighborhood cleanup at Reiske Park at S. 23rd and Lapham in October.

As part of his efforts to combat litter problems and revitalize the near south side, Ald. Donovan has gotten youth involved in cleaning up neighborhoods. The most visible participants in the youth efforts are the **Litter Marshals** and **Graffiti Busters**.

More than 300 elementary school children on the near south side have been sworn in as Litter Marshals. In an effort to promote good citizenship, the children pledged to not litter, to pick up litter and to help keep their neighborhoods clean.

Working with **Journey House** and the city **Department of Neighborhood Services**, the alderman also created the Graffiti Busters program. This initiative is similar to the Litter Marshals effort in that participants take a pledge to commit to the effort. The young people in the Graffiti Busters program pledge to refrain from graffiti vandalism and to report and help clean up graffiti they find in their neighborhoods.

Alderman Donovan said both programs are ways of getting young people involved in becoming stakeholders where they live. "It's never too early to start molding responsible and civic-minded citizens," he said. "These programs give youth the opportunity to channel their energy in a positive manner, and it makes them active participants in the overall effort to improve their community."

**Ald. Donovan
says "Enough
is enough!"**

Organize A Neighborhood Cleanup!

**Do YOU want to help make your
neighborhood a better place to live?
Participate in a block cleanup.**

Get a group of concerned residents together and form a group to help clean up. A block cleanup can be a great way to get to know the people in your community while helping to spruce it up.

You can register your cleanup group by calling **Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful**, and they will provide cleaning materials and garbage bags. Call them at **272-5462**. Large roll-off dumpsters can be reserved from the Sanitation Division for weekend cleanups. Call **286-8282** if a dumpster is needed for your cleanup date (these dumpsters are **NOT** for private, individual use).



Ald. Donovan joined **Lupe Martinez**, president and chief executive officer of **United Migrant Opportunities Services**, at City Hall in August during a special reception for the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, and other dignitaries from Ireland, including Eamon O'Cuiv, mayor of Galway, Ireland.

Overall, Budget Points To Bare Cupboard

The proposed 2006 city budget presented by Mayor Tom Barrett will require Ald. Donovan and his colleagues on the Common Council to decide what to pluck from an almost-bare cupboard.

The mayor's budget increases the property tax levy \$10 million (5%) and would reduce the city's firefighter ranks by eliminating 36 currently vacant positions, thus reducing the number of firefighters per truck from five to four. It would also reduce boulevard maintenance and plantings, reduce hours at the Central Library, and eliminate the Bookmobile. It also doesn't leave much room for immediate, critical needs such as additional police officers, said Ald. Donovan, a member of the Council's budget-writing Finance & Personnel Committee.

"I will do everything I can to get additional officers in this budget," Ald. Donovan pledged (see page 2). "When we have a record number of homicides and people in many neighborhoods don't feel safe being outside during the daytime, then it's time to put public safety first and fill officer vacancies so we can get additional patrols on our streets."

The property tax rate proposed by the mayor for 2006 would be \$8.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value, down from \$9.19 per \$1,000 this year. For the owner of a \$90,000 home, that would mean the city's portion of the tax bill would come to \$788.40 – down from \$827 in 2005.

The full Common Council began deliberations on the proposed 2006 budget in October and is expected to take final action during November.

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about your district
log on to:**
www.milwaukee.gov/district8

8th District Developments



Mekato's Bakery & Café, 3500 W. National Ave. The above rendering shows how this busy corner will be transformed with the addition of the Mekato's bakery operation.



The city's new business park being developed on the former Milwaukee Road shops yard in the **Menomonee Valley** near the **35th Street Viaduct** has landed its first tenant. **Palermo Villa**, a family-owned local company which makes frozen pizzas at its plant at S. 8th St. and W. Maple St., has agreed to buy 14 acres and will move its entire operation to a new facility at the valley site, which is called the **Valley Business Center**. The company said 80 jobs currently located in Illinois will be moved to Milwaukee as a result of the development. Located entirely within the 8th District, the business park will cover nearly 135 acres and is expected to bring 800 to 1,200 jobs to the city. The photo shows an east-facing view of the business park property.

New affordable single-family homes are being built where vacant lots once stood in the 8th District. One of the new homes (top photo) — at **S. 29th St. and W. Lapham Blvd.** — is being spearheaded by the **Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp. (NIDC)** with support from Ald. Donovan and several stakeholders, including the **Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN)**. The two-story, three-bedroom home is just over 1,700 square feet and will include 1.5 baths and detached two-car garage. It will be sold to income eligible (at or below 80% county median income) buyers who will be required to occupy the home. It is expected to sell for \$160,000. The other home (bottom photo), located along **W. Lincoln Ave. between S. 33rd and S. 34th streets**, now stands where a vacant lot stood for some 20 years after a fire destroyed a mixed-use building at the location. The new home will provide in-fill housing and bring new life to a lot that was an eyesore for two decades.



Bicycle Police Officer Manny Molina (pictured here with a financial institution's security officer near **S. 27th St. and W. National Ave.**) has been a positive crime-fighting force on the near south side. Business owners and residents have gained an enormous amount of respect for Officer Molina (who is based out of District 6) as he has arrested prostitutes, shoplifters, intoxicated vagrants and others who choose to commit crimes while he's on duty. Ald. Donovan said Officer Molina has established a personal presence in the area that has helped increase public safety. **"Officer Molina has been a God-send,"** said Ald. Donovan. "He's established a rapport with business owners and residents, and those lines of communication have helped him solve crimes and locate suspects. I urge residents to stop and say hello to him, and share information if you think it might help solve a crime."



Four new, single-family homes now stand on what had been a longtime vacant parking lot located in the **2300 block of S. Layton Blvd.** Ground was broken on the project in late 2004 after Ald. Donovan sponsored a request for community development block grant money to help fund the project. The non-profit **South Community Organization** helped oversee the construction of the homes, which are being sold to first-time homebuyers with a special incentive financing rate — 4.75% — made possible through the **Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)**. Each of the three-bedroom homes will be about 1,560 square feet, with 1.5 bathrooms and a garage. The homes are expected to sell for fair market value or \$120,000-\$125,000 each.



As this photo shows, the **service station at S. 27th and National** is undergoing a major upgrade. The station was to have been remodeled over a year ago but was held back because of some legal issues. Ald. Donovan said he is looking forward to a new building and an improved lot that is being built just as new construction is set to begin on a new Walgreens across the street, where the National Liquor Bar and other businesses once operated.

Helpful Fall & Winter Tips

Fall Leaf Collection Guidelines

Residents are asked to rake leaves into the street at the curb for collection by Department of Public Works Sanitation crews from October 10 to November 15. After November 15, sanitation crews will still pick up remaining leaf piles as long as weather permits. If you still have leaves not raked into the road, you must bag them and take them to the Self-Help Centers, 3879 W. Lincoln Ave., or 6660 N. Industrial Rd. for disposal.

Ald. Donovan urges residents not to put Halloween pumpkins, brush or branches on the leaf pile, and to keep the leaves away from fire hydrants, sewer grates and storm drains in the street.

Winter Parking Restrictions Start Dec. 1

Winter parking restrictions in the City of Milwaukee take effect on December 1. Parked and abandoned cars are the single biggest problem in snow plowing. Motorists should look for signs describing the parking restrictions along streets that are affected by winter rules. These possible restrictions could include:

- **Specific Side Parking** - No parking on one or both sides of the street Dec. 1 - March 1. No parking on one or both sides of a street during a particular winter month, such as December or January.
- **Snow Route Towaway Zone** - No parking is allowed during declared snow emergencies on highways marked with "Snow Route Towaway Zone" signs.
- **Night Parking During Snow Emergency** - If a snow emergency has been declared, night parking regulations are in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on all city streets regardless of the winter parking regulation.

Milwaukee Public Schools make some playgrounds and parking lots available for overnight parking during declared snow emergencies and clean-up periods. Call the **DPW Information Center** at **286-8282** for the location of a playground nearest your home.

Some winter parking regulations are not posted. If you are unsure about regulations in your area, and want information on a particular street, call the **DPW Parking Enforcement Section** at **286-8350**. Streets are also listed on the **Department of Public Works** section of the city website, www.milwaukee.gov, under parking services.



At a news conference held at the scene of a fatal July shooting near S. 19th St. and W. Forest Home Ave., Ald. Donovan and several colleagues called for additional police recruit classes and offer other suggestions to bolster the department in the wake of deadly violence in the city. Also pictured, from left to right: Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Ald. Robert W. Puente, Ald. Terry L. Witkowski and Ald. Jim Bohl (partially obscured).

Holiday Tree Disposal

Garbage collection crews will pick up the tree if it is placed where the garbage is collected.

If your collection is in an alley, holiday trees must be placed at the alley line for collection, not on the street. Only residents whose garbage is collected from the street may place their tree at the curb to be picked up.

Trees may also be taken to the Self-Help Center, 3879 W. Lincoln Ave. where they will be composted for use by city forestry crews.

Winter Garbage Cart Collection

Because sanitation crews who collect garbage and recyclables also plow snow, collection days may change during the winter, especially after a heavy snowstorm or especially frigid temperatures.

- **Thanksgiving Holiday collection schedule:** No garbage or recycling collections on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.
- **Christmas & New Year's collection schedule:** No garbage or recycling collection on Friday, Dec. 23 through Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 30 through Jan. 2, 2006.

After these holidays, the day of garbage collection moves one day later in the week. There is no change in the collection of recyclables after the holiday.

Remember also that summer curbside collection of garbage carts for households without alleys ends December 2, 2005. Sanitation crews will collect the carts from their storage areas. This affects about half of the 210,000 households in Milwaukee. Households with alleys are not required to change their procedures since they are emptied at the alley line.

Special Pickups Reminder

Remember that there have been some major changes in the collection of those special items once collected in "Special Pickups." Many of those special items such as sofas will now be collected by sanitation crews on your regular garbage collection day, up to four cubic yards of material, about the size of two sofas.

However there are limitations:

- Washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators and air conditioners will no longer be collected.
- There are limits on yard waste/brush.
- You can take bulky items, yard waste, old tires and other household materials to the Self-Help Center at 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.

The change is expected to save taxpayers about \$710,000 a year. Call the DPW call center at **286-8282** for pickup of larger amounts or other information.

Community Prosecutors: A Milwaukee Success Story

With help from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, the city and other municipalities in Milwaukee County are attacking nuisance properties with an expanded **Community Prosecution Unit**, and the growing success stories of the bolstered community prosecution effort were celebrated recently during a news event hosted by Ald. Donovan.

The program started five years ago with one community prosecutor. There are now 10, six from the district attorney's office and four assistant city attorneys, with eight stationed in satellite offices in six Milwaukee police district stations and community-based organizations. Ald. Donovan, chair of the Public Safety Committee, was instrumental in its expansion throughout the city. "The program has made a big difference in the lives of people in our neighborhoods, and I'm confident it will continue to have a huge impact on the quality of life in this community," Ald. Donovan said.

The goal of the community prosecutors is to work with homeowners and landlords to resolve issues. But they can bring criminal prosecution charges against problem tenants and/or prosecute property owners and charge them for police services if officers are called to a property for certain crimes more than three times in a month. Complaints include nuisance properties, drug dealing, prostitution, trash, dangerous dogs and code violations.

Community prosecutors are also investigating complaints in the cities of West Allis and South Milwaukee because those communities participated in the original state grant which funds part of the community prosecution effort.



During a **news conference at City Hall in June**, Ald. Donovan spoke about the positive impact the community prosecution program has had on the near south side. The news conference also included **Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., City Attorney Grant Langley, Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann, Assistant District Attorney Jeff Altenburg, Police Chief Nan Hegerty and Department of Neighborhood Services Commissioner Marty Collins**. Other police officials, including representatives of the West Allis and South Milwaukee police departments, several members of the Common Council and representatives of community-based organizations also took part. Council colleagues **Ald. Willie Hines** (standing to Ald. Donovan's right) and **Ald. Robert J. Bauman** (behind the alderman's left shoulder) are shown in this photo from the news conference.

Assistant District Attorney Jeff Altenburg, team captain for the program, says it's heartening to see the significant expansion of the community prosecution efforts in the city. "With eight community prosecutors in all police district stations except District One, we cover a significant portion of the city," said Altenburg. "The support we've received for the program indicates to me that our efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I believe the community prosecutors will meet the expectations that the community has for our program."

The agencies involved in the collaboration include the City Attorney's office, District Attorney's office, Milwaukee Police Department, Health Department, Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of Public Works, community based organizations, citizens and the religious community.

The majority of the prosecution team's effort deals with nuisance properties, homes and buildings that are the repeated sources of complaints and police calls. They also meet with owners and landlords to discuss solutions, including enrolling them in the city's Landlord Training Program. In addition, they can help neighbors get involved in block clubs, give crime prevention speeches in schools, discuss crime prevention techniques with residents and inform them how to effectively report criminal behavior to police. The community prosecutors are accessible to police, community groups and citizens in person or by cell phones.

Learn Effective Property Management

Landlords can learn to screen new tenants and gain tips on how to deal with nuisance properties by enrolling in the City of Milwaukee's **FREE** Landlord Training Program.

You'll receive 5 hours of training and a 100-page manual describing professional property management guidelines. **Advanced registration is required.** Sessions are scheduled for **November 15-16** and for **December 6-7**. For information or to register call Program Coordinator Karin Long at 286-2954.

Anti-Prostitution Efforts Not Slowing Down

800

prostitution
arrests in the city
so far in 2005

Although the media has decided to focus its attention on other stories, the effort to rid Milwaukee's near south side of prostitution is still going strong, Ald. Donovan said.

For example, citywide there were 800 prostitution related arrests in 2005 through October 20. In 2004, there were 989 prostitution related arrests in the city, according to the Vice Control Division of the Milwaukee Police Department.

Ald. Donovan, who has coordinated efforts to address prostitution problems in the city, said the proactive campaign against prostitution will continue. "Our efforts will continue to put pressure on both the customers or 'johns' who help drive the prostitution trade, and the prostitutes," he said. "We have to keep up the enforcement pressure or we risk giving the impression that it's OK for prostitutes to do their work, which we know degrades and harms our neighborhoods."

The MPD's anti-prostitution initiative includes police sting operations, "shaming" publicity for convicted customers, tougher fines, a court watch, and outreach programs for the women, said Ald. Donovan.

Public embarrassment and humiliation is also an important part of the program championed by Ald. Donovan. Those who frequent prostitutes, in addition to being arrested, may also see their photos and names on **City Channel 25** on a program called "**Not On Our Streets**" which highlights individuals who have been arrested for prostitution related offenses in the city.

The alderman is also continuing to work with the **Southside Organizing Committee** to pursue full prosecution of offenders and with the **St. Benedict Center** to offer counseling to those prostitutes who want to leave the lifestyle and "go straight."

Crime Prevention: The Block Watch Program Works

Utilizing the Block Watch program in the 8th District to its fullest has been one of Ald. Donovan's top priorities since taking office.

"The Block Watch program is designed to make neighborhoods safer places to live, work and play and, therefore, can help provide a safer environment for our children," said Ald. Donovan, who attends Block Watch meetings regularly in the district. "Good Block Watch organizations can help stabilize entire neighborhoods and business areas, and that's why I support them so strongly."

Most crimes are crimes of "opportunity" and therefore can be prevented. The Block Watch program provides residents with specific information on how to reduce or eliminate opportunities for crimes. To become involved in a Block Watch, please contact one of the community liaison officers of the **6th Police District – Officer Mark Dudenhoefer** or **Officer Emeterio Gutierrez** – at **935-7268**. Then talk to your neighbors to get as many residents on your block involved as possible. Officers will assist in providing information at the first meeting. The program will improve communication, cooperation and organization among residents, as well as between residents and the Milwaukee Police Department.

When citizens become involved in a Block Watch, a common bond develops between neighbors that instills neighborhood pride and protectiveness. This can only enhance the quality of life in our city.

Important Phone Numbers

Common Council	286-2221
Mayor Tom Barrett	286-2200
Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
Fire - non-emergency	286-8999
Police - non-emergency	933-4444
Dist. 2 non-emergency	935-7222
Dist. 6 non-emergency	935-7262
Health Department	286-3616
Domestic Violence/assault	286-2997
Parking Hotline	286-8350
Public Works	286-8282
(special pickups, street lights, potholes, garbage/trash pickups, water, sewers)	
Graffiti hotline	286-8715
Nuisance issues	286-2268
(debris, litter, abandoned/illegally parked vehicles, code violations, landlord/tenant problems)	

Farmer's Market Finishing Up 3rd Year

The farmer's market at N. Muskego Ave. and W. Mitchell St. has been bustling all summer and is now finishing its third year.

As many as a dozen vendors sold fresh produce, flowers and other items at the peak of the farmer's market this past summer, said Ald. Donovan. "I want to thank the vendors and merchants for their loyalty and their excellent offerings, and I especially want to thank the residents who patronized the market and kept it going strong," said Ald. Donovan. "I am confident that it will get stronger each year and that it will continue to grow in popularity as well."

The farmer's market operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from early July through the end of October.



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Look Inside For Your New 2005-2006 Call For Action!



Youth Council

At a May 2005 ceremony in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Arely Flores was sworn in as the 8th District representative of the first ever City of Milwaukee Youth Council. Arely, a student at Hamilton High School, has indicated that issues such as education, teen pregnancy, teen crime and jobs are her top priorities for improving life in Milwaukee for young people. The youth council, a representative city government body, is comprised of 15 high school students ages 18 and under, with one from each aldermanic district. A seven-member adult advisory committee, staffed by the Office of the City Clerk, is assisting the Youth Council in its work and helping coordinate all training for the council. The Youth Council (minus two absent members) was photographed following the inauguration ceremony. **Arely Flores is sixth from the left.**

Robert G. Donovan

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Jackson Park Neighborhood Update

Ald. Donovan wants residents of the Jackson Park neighborhood to keep apprised of some important issues and events:

- With work continuing on the resurfacing of W. Forest Home Ave. (and with school back in session), Ald. Donovan is urging residents to drive safely, slow down for school children and to obey all posted speed limits.
- Anyone interested in contacting the **Jackson Park Business Association** can do so by calling **Greg Herker** at **979-8800**. The association concerns itself with business-related issues in an area bounded by S. 27th St. on the east, W. Morgan Ave. on the south, S. 60th St. on the west and W. Oklahoma Ave. on the north.
- The Jackson Park Neighborhood Association regularly schedules fun activities for families and children.

The JPNA's fall general membership meeting will be held at 9 a.m. November 5 at Zablocki Library, 3501 W. Forest Home Ave. Prospective new members are welcome to attend. The JPNA's annual tree lighting ceremony will be held Friday, Dec. 2 at S. 43rd St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. The association's holiday home decorations contest will hold judging the week of December 18. For more information please call **Josh Zepnick** at **727-0841**.

Get (Pro) Active, Get Involved

Volunteerism and the practice of neighbors helping neighbors make the 8th District a distinctly unique and wonderful area in Milwaukee. I will never grow tired of thanking those who are already volunteering their time, talents and efforts and who are involved in the community, and I will not stop encouraging more people to become active. The organizations listed below are good places to start:

- **South side Organizing Committee**
Steve Fendt 672-8090
- **Layton Boulevard West Neighbors**
Charlotte John-Gomez 383-9038
- **Clarke Square Community Association**
Lorraine Blanco 383-7604
- **Layton Boulevard Historic Association**
Patti Davidson 645-4059
- **Boys and Girls Club 383-2350**
- **Milwaukee Christian Center 645-5350**
- **Journey House 647-0548**